

Remarks:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated April 20, 2009. Claims 14-20 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-13 are currently pending. Reconsideration is hereby requested.

In the Office Action, a Restriction Requirement was placed upon the application. Restriction to one of the following Groups was required:

Group A, claims 1-13, drawn to a method of coating a substrate:

Group B, claim 14, drawn to a coated substrate; and

Group C, claims 15-20, drawn to a plasma generating apparatus.

The Office Action states that restriction is proper as the inventions listed as Groups A-C do not relate to a single general inventive concept.

Applicants hereby elect Group A, claims 1-13, drawn to a method of coating a substrate without traverse. Claims 1-13 have been amended to make minor editorial changes. No new matter has been added.

A speedy and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

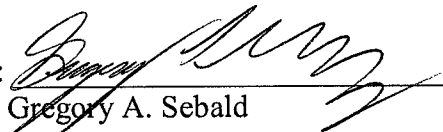
Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.



Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.

Dated: 6/22/09

By: 
Gregory A. Sebold
Reg. No. 33,280
GAS/km